



## Greetings FHI Stakeholders!

See below for updates, announcements and save the dates from the Family Homelessness Initiative.

### INITIATIVE NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

#### IMPORTANT REMINDERS/NEWS:

**\*\*System Realignment Learning Opportunity Rescheduled- New Date & New Location\*\***

**Friday, August 22, 2014**

**1:30 – 4:00pm at Mercer Island Public Library**

4400 88th Ave. SE Mercer Island 98040

Capacity building grant recipients are invited to hear about and participate in the next phase of work. (Others are welcome to attend, but pending room capacity issues we may need to contact you about your RSVP.) The meeting will provide updates on:

- The first phase of program realignment (including a small group of agencies that have been selected to start realignment)
- Next steps for the remaining providers not involved in that process
- The tools and supports available to your agencies
- The second installment of Building Changes Capacity Building Grants

**If you already RSVP'd for the original date, you do not have to RSVP a second time. If you haven't already, please RSVP using the following link by: Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SystemRealignmentRSVP>

#### FHI ADVISORY GROUP – NEWS & UPDATES:

The new FHI Advisory Group will hold its first meeting today, August 7. The Advisory Group will advance, guide, and monitor the work of the Family Homelessness Initiative. Please visit the [FHI website](#) for information on the Charter, membership roster, meeting agendas and meeting summaries.

#### IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES - NEWS & UPDATES:

##### *System Realignment Work*

Initiative staff are currently meeting with selected agencies to discuss their participation in the first phase of realignment. If your agency is interested in undertaking realignment during this first phase and you have not already been contacted, please call or email [Debbi Knowles](#) or [Triina Tennelo](#). Final determinations will be made through July.

If you are interested in learning more about System Realignment, please visit the [FHI website](#).

##### *Coordinated Entry Updates*

#### **Consultant selected for the Coordinated Entry Analysis and Refinement Process**

We are happy to announce that we have selected Focus Strategies as the consultant for the coordinated entry system analysis. Focus Strategies is a national consulting firm based out of Sacramento, California dedicated to helping communities improve efforts to end homelessness by using local data to shape program and system design through a “systems thinking” approach. The lead consultant for our project,

Katharine Gale, has more than 20 years of experience in the fields of homelessness, special needs housing, and community development.

The consultants began work on August 1<sup>st</sup> and are scheduled to make their first site visit in early September. We will have a final timeline and details for the project and visits/community forums in the next few weeks.

If you have any questions about the process, please feel to contact Michelle Valdez at [michelle.valdez@cehkc.org](mailto:michelle.valdez@cehkc.org).

## OPPORTUNITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### UPCOMING FUNDING OR TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

*The King County Department of Community and Human Services* (DCHS) is making available approximately **\$4.4 million in annual funding for 2015-2016** for rapid re-housing, emergency shelter, transitional housing, and shelter diversion programs for programs serving homeless households in King County; including homeless youth or young adults, single adults, families with children and households fleeing domestic violence. These funds were last released by DCHS by RFP in 2011 under the title of "2011 Time Limited Housing RFP".

**Sealed proposals** will be received at the **King County Procurement** Services Section, 401 Fifth Avenue, 3rd Floor, Seattle, WA 98104, until 2:00 p.m. Thursday, **August 28, 2014**.

A **workshop** to assist applicants shall be conducted at 10:00 am, Monday, **August 11, 2014**, at Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Avenue S., Tukwila, WA 98168.

To review or download a copy of this RFP, please visit:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/operations/procurement.aspx>

#### *Webinar: Making Rapid Re-Housing work: Helping households increase income*

Join Building Changes on Thursday, August 14, 2014, from 10 to 11:30am for a webinar about the key aspects of Rapid Re-Housing. The webinar will provide information on strategies that help families in Rapid Re-Housing become self-supporting. Register [here](#).

#### *Learn about best practices in faith-based solutions to ending family homelessness*

On Wednesday, August 20, from 4 to 8pm, Seattle University will host a workshop on best practices for faith-based solutions around family homelessness. The workshop will focus on Rapid Re-Housing and Family Support models that are yielding positive results. Learn more and register for the event [here](#).

*Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness* is presenting their annual "**Helping Homeless Students: McKinney-Vento 101**" workshop **will take place the week of August 25th**. Watch their [website](#) and "like" us them on [Facebook](#) to get the details as soon as they have the date, time, and location finalized, and the on-line registration link live! (Registration fills for this popular and practical workshop.)

## WHAT'S COMING UP

### *Monthly FHI Stakeholder Information Session - now combined with FHC Feedback Sessions!*

The Family Homelessness Initiative staff host monthly information sessions on the 3rd Wednesday of the month to talk with local stakeholders (providers and funders) about the work of the Initiative. This is an opportunity to hear about current projects, what is coming up next, to ask questions and provide

input. *NOTE: Beginning July 2014, these sessions will be held from 9:00-10:00am and immediately followed by the Family Housing Connection (FHC) feedback session 10:00-11:00.*

Contact Triina Tennelo at 206-263-9110/[triina.tennelo@kingcounty.gov](mailto:triina.tennelo@kingcounty.gov) or visit the Initiative website for more information.

**Next FHI Info Session:** The next FHI Info Session will be held on Wednesday, August 20 from 9:00-10:00am at the 2100 Building.

**Next FHC Feedback Meeting:** The next FHC feedback meeting will be held immediately after the FHI Info Session on Wednesday, August 20 from 10:00-11:00am at the 2100 Building. This is an opportunity for service providers and partners to hear updates on new policy/procedures at FHC and to provide FHC with feedback. Contact Emily Harris-Shears at [EmilyHS@ccsww.org](mailto:EmilyHS@ccsww.org) for more information.

If you have any questions about any of the above updates, or if you would like to add any announcements to future monthly emails, you can contact Michelle Valdez at [michelle.valdez@cehkc.org](mailto:michelle.valdez@cehkc.org).

#### ***2014 National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference***

Several CEH staff, local funders and providers had the opportunity to attend the national conference in Washington DC last week. It was an exciting few days with great workshops and inspiring keynote speakers – including the First Lady Michelle Obama.

Please keep an eye out for a Lunch & Learn opportunity held by CEH and open to the public.

***For more information on CEH or to see the most recent monthly newsletter, go to the website at [www.cehkc.org](http://www.cehkc.org)***

#### **CONTACT US**

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Visit our website to learn more about the Family Homelessness Initiative or to locate any of the documents referenced in this email at [www.kingcounty.gov/familyhomelessness](http://www.kingcounty.gov/familyhomelessness).

#### **Please feel free to contact FHI staff for more information at:**

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